Poison Research Centres

3917. SHRI JHUMUKLAL BHENDIA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:.

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Poison Research Centres researching in different poisons and venoms in the country;

(b) how many poisons have been researched in these Centres;

(c) whether the anti-venom for poisonous snake-bites is available all over the country;

(d) if so, how are these made available; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has funded a task force study on Venoms and Toxins at various Centres in 1990's in different geographical locations of the country. These research institutions are located at 1. Jadavpur Univeisity, Kolkata, 2. University of Mysore, Mysore, 3. University of Kolkata 4. Haffkines Institute, Mumbai, 5. LTM Medical College/KEM, Mumbai. In addition to these the King's Institute of preventive and Social medicine, Chennai, IMS, BHU, Varanasi and Bawaskar Hospital and research centre Mahad, Maharashtra are also carrying out research studies in the area. Two poison research centres are located at AIMS, New Delhi and NIOH, Ahmedabad for disseminating information on poison and their anti-dotes.

(b) The work is mainly done on snakes and scorpiron venom.

(c) to (e) There is sufficient stock of Anti-venom serum for snakebite to meet the requirement in the country. These sera are indigenously produced in public as well as private sector in the country.

Upgradation of post of DG

3918. SHRI KHAN GHUFRANZAHIDI:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: